

Re: H. B. 6350

I am writing in regards to house bill 6350. I feel this bill if passed will be detrimental to agricultural community in the State of Connecticut. At a time when we need to promote growth in all business in our state, we would in effect be adding additional taxes to an already stressed environment with input costs at all time highs. My farm employs 3 full time year round workers and up to 18 seasonal workers. I took a few minutes to calculate what this change would have meant for my operation in 2008 and it would have resulted in approximately an additional 12,000.00 in taxes. In addition I made a capitol purchase of a new tractor that would have resulted in an additional \$3,780.00 in taxes. Had this bill been in effect probably would have to reconsider that purchase. This bill will certainly not promote growth in business and I feel strongly that it will cause many of us to reconsider our business plan for this year. At a time when we need to encourage business growth and stability, maybe more so than at any time in the last 50 years I do not see the logic in this bill. In fact I feel it is a rather short sighted approach. I urge the legislature to support agriculture on this issue and vote against this bill.

Sincerely,



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